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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

No changes to the drawings.

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REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the courteous and complete examination of the application by the Examiner. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, a reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner imposes an election/restriction to claims 1-47 as they do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The Applicant elects claims 1-8, and withdraws claims 9-47 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, claims 1-8 have been elected, claims 1 and 4-8 have been amended to more definitely point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Additionally, claims 9-47 have been withdrawn, and claims 48-83 have been added. The newly added claims 48-83 are linked to the elected claims so as to have claims 1-8 and 48-83 relate to a single inventive concept.

With the above amendments being fully responsive to all outstanding rejections and formal requirements, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that there are further issues which might be resolved by means of telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at 403-444-5695.

Respectfully Submitted,



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